

the students and throughout the region.

After graduation, Mike stayed with the soccer program as an assistant coach. Not only did he serve as a role model for the younger players, he also gained valuable coaching experience that could help him reach his goal of becoming a college soccer coach.

Mike did all of that on top of attending Western Kentucky University and graduating with a degree from the Kentucky Advanced Technology Institute.

During this time, Mike learned that nearby Butler County High School was preparing to start a girls' soccer program. Mike jumped at the opportunity to become their first ever head coach.

The impact that Mike had on the players at Butler County High, and that they had on him, is hard to overstate. One of his players, a young lady named Tina Laverack, described him this way:

"He never gave up on any of us," she said. "He thought we all had potential in anything. . . I think everyone should have had the chance to meet him; they would have loved him."

Mike's friend David Hocker recalled that "If a girl wanted to work extra, he'd come in early or stay late. He spent his own money, buying food for the team or taking them someplace for team building."

Mike's brother Jamie told the Butler County players at Mike's funeral, "He talked about you guys in his down time more than you guys will ever know."

Mike's commitment to his players knew no bounds. On what would be his last trip home, he spent 12 of his 15 days playing soccer with them.

And Mike's influence in his players' lives extended far beyond the soccer field. On more than one occasion, he intervened to help a player be removed from a troubled home or beat an addiction problem.

The night before leaving for Iraq, Mike sat down with his players, addressing them as his "ladies," like always. He told them he was going to Iraq because he wanted his players to be able to walk out onto the soccer field and not be afraid.

Specialist Hayes joined the Guard in 2002 and completed more than 135 missions, including over 30 actions with the enemy, during his service. MG Donald Storm, Kentucky's adjutant general, said he "epitomized what it means to be a citizen-soldier."

CPT Todd Lindner, commander of the 617th Military Police Company, called Specialist Hayes "the consummate soldier, always in the right place doing the right thing."

When the battles were over, Mike enjoyed playing soccer and baseball with Iraqi children during his down time. He would bring them Cokes, chips and candy. It has even been suggested that with time, he might have started a soccer program for Iraqi children.

Soon before he left Kentucky for Iraq for the last time, a friend asked Mike in confidence if he thought we really

ought to be involved over there. Mike told his friend of the women he saw wearing colorful clothes and no veil, smiling as they walked down the street.

He recounted watching young children running to school with pencils and paper and big smiles. "Yes," he told his friend unequivocally. "We're doing good there."

Although Specialist Hayes can no longer be with us, or his beloved family, he is loved and remembered by his mother Barkley, his brother Jamie, his sister Melissa Stewart, his nieces Charlotte Stewart and Jocelyn Hayes, and other beloved family members.

I want to thank his mother Barkley for sharing her memories of Michael with us, and for traveling to the Capitol to meet with me today.

Specialist Hayes struck everyone he met with his selflessness, dedication, and devotion to helping others.

Although he is gone, the example he set for others won't be forgotten. Not by his family. Not by his fellow soldiers. And not by the young children he taught to play his favorite game, whether in the rural bluegrass of Kentucky or the desert sands of Iraq.

I ask my colleagues to keep the family of SPC Michael R. Hayes in their thoughts and prayers. I know they will be in mine.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will be a period for the transaction of morning business for up to 60 minutes, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The Senator from Oregon is recognized.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. WYDEN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent to speak in morning business for up to 20 minutes.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Madam President, would the Senator yield to me for a unanimous consent request?

Mr. WYDEN. I would be glad to yield.

MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICE NEGOTIATION ACT OF 2007—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that upon disposition of S. 372, the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 118, S. 3, the prescription drug legislation.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I object.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection is heard.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. Madam President, I now move to proceed to S. 3 and send a cloture motion to the desk.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 118, S. 3, Prescription Drugs.

Dick Durbin, Amy Klobuchar, Ken Salazar, Edward Kennedy, Mark Pryor, Blanche L. Lincoln, Daniel K. Inouye, Byron L. Dorgan, Chuck Schumer, Max Baucus, Kent Conrad, Jeff Bingaman, John F. Kerry, Ron Wyden, Debbie Stabenow, Jay Rockefeller, Maria Cantwell, Harry Reid.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum call required under rule XXII be waived.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. I now withdraw the motion to proceed.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The motion is withdrawn.

The Senator from Oregon is recognized.

VIRGINIA TECH MASSACRE

Mr. WYDEN. Madam President, the Virginia Tech community is grieving this afternoon, and our country grieves with them. To see so many young people taken from us with their lives ahead of them is an unspeakable horror, one that words simply cannot capture.

Oregonians saw a horrible school shooting in 1998, and I know that across my State, Oregonians this afternoon are sending their prayers to the Virginia Tech community. I join with those Oregonians in sending our prayers to the Virginia Tech family, and on behalf of the people of my State, I want those at Virginia Tech to know they are in our hearts and minds at this critical hour and during this time of unspeakable tragedy.

(The remarks of Mr. WYDEN pertaining to the introduction of S. IIII are printed in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WEBB). The Senator from Texas.

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to speak for up to 15 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

TAX REFORM

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I thank the Senator from Oregon. I walked in on the tail end of his remarks, but he